

CHAIRMAN FRICK SHOT

Twice and Stabbed by a Crank Anarchist in His Office.

THE ASSASSIN NOT A STRIKER

And Has No Connection With Them. A Russian Jew Anarchist Gains Admission to the Office of the Chairman of the Carnegie Company and Commits a Bloody Deed, Which Shocks the Country—His Arrest and Refusal to Give an Account of Himself.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 24.—Henry Clay Frick, the executive head of the Carnegie firm, lies at his home, twice shot and twice stabbed by a Russian Hebrew Nihilist named Alexander Berkman, now a resident of New York. He was attacked without notice or word of warning as he sat in his office at work. He is seriously wounded, but his physicians think he may recover. The scoundrel who committed this crime is in jail. He regards himself as a social purifier and talks boldly of his intentions and their consummation. The attack was made upon Mr. Frick at 1:45 o'clock Saturday. The assassin secured admission under the guise of a New York employment agent. Just inside the entrance to the private office he fired two shots, one into either side of the base of Mr. Frick's skull. Then the man twice plunged a long dagger into the chairman's side. Mr. Frick never lost his presence of mind. Vice Chairman Leishman rushed to his assistance. Though Mr. Frick had then been pierced by two pistol balls, he forgot his wounds in the danger of his partner, and rushing up received in his own side the dagger point intended for his partner. And even when the assassin was thrown down he interfered and saved the life of his would-be assassin.

THE NEWS SPREAD INSTANTLY.

The tragedy occurred in front of the great bow window on the second floor of the Hussey building, on Fifth avenue, and hundreds of people on the street witnessed the fight. Thousands more were attracted by the shots, and inside of five minutes the street was blocked with a vast throng of surging people. The news that H. C. Frick had been assassinated spread with the greatest rapidity, and from every quarter people were seen running to the scene of the crime. There was naught but pity for the great ironmaster, and if there were any who rejoiced they held their peace to save their lives.

It was reported at first that Mr. Frick was dead, but when later, it was learned he lived, the vast crowds hailed the news with joy. Each pressed closer to the great granite walls that he might gather some later information. Pittsburgh has never before witnessed such a scene of excitement. In the meantime Officer John McRoberts and Garrett Crossman had rushed upstairs and secured the prisoner, who had already been arrested by Deputy Sheriff May, assisted by the clerks in the office.

When they at last appeared with their prisoner he was drenched with his victim's blood. He himself did not have a wound save a scratch made by the fingernail of one of the clerks in the struggle.

APPEARANCE OF THE ASSAILANT.

The man is a curious sight. He is a little slender fellow about 21 years old and beardless. Simon Bachmann is the name he placed on the register at the Merchant's Hotel, where he came last night from New York. He is a Russian Hebrew and a Nihilist, and has been in America six years. He said he was a cigarmaker and printer and lived on Forty-second street, New York. He had been nursing himself for two days to commit the crime, but each time until yesterday afternoon his nerve failed him.

He evidently wanted to pose as a hero, for in his mouth he had two highly explosive perceptive caps used in exploding dynamite. They were exactly the same as that used by Louis Lingg, the famous Chicago Anarchist, when he blew his way to have been executed. Berkman held them in his mouth evidently intending to explode them with his teeth as a last resort. Several times he tried to put them off, but he did not try to bite them through for the covering is as thin as paper, and they would have exploded at the least touch.

THE MAN'S PREVIOUS EFFORTS.

Berkman made a number of attempts to see Mr. Frick. His first call was at the offices of the coke company, on the fifth floor of the Hussey building, at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon. His name was entered in the visitors' book, but he left without seeing him.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning he made his next call. This time it was at the second floor office where he was received by Mr. Utley, as Mr. Frick was not in. He talked very coolly and said that he was the representative of an employment bureau. He then left the office and did not return until about noon when he gave his card to Harry Heckley, the office boy. The card was a narrow, thin bit of white pasteboard on which was written in pencil in an evidently German or French hand:

A. BERKMAN, Agent New York Employment Company. This card was taken in to Mr. Frick, who told the boy he would see Mr. Berkman in a few moments.

The clerks noticed that the man was very nervous, and when they looked at him closely he turned to the wall and was apparently engaged in examining a map. Then he wheeled and went out, and soon after the boy returned with instructions to send the gentleman up.

As was his habit, Mr. Frick took his lunch at the Duquesne club, and about 1:30 returned to his office, going to the fifth floor of the Hussey building, where he remained a few minutes. He then came down in the elevator to the second floor and entered his private room at the front of the building. He seated himself at his desk, which is a large flat topped one of heavy oak and which stands in the center of the bright room. Mr. Leishman, whose office is next to that of Mr. Frick, came in about 1:40 and seated himself at the right of Mr. Frick, and they began a conversation about business matters, nobody else being in the room.

IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE TRAGEDY.

While the great steel manufacturers were thus engaged, Harry Heckley, one of the office boys, was at the farther end of the big reception room and outer office. In the front was Mr. Frick's private office on the right and Vice Chairman Leishman's office on the left. The rooms connect within by means of two doors. A swinging door opens to the outer office, and a swinging gate guards the entrance to the reception room. This gate is directly opposite the en-

trance to the hall. Mr. Frick was seated on the right of the table in the center of his office and Mr. Leishman on the left.

The man who had before sent in his card was seen to hurriedly rush through. The office boy tried to stop him, but was too late. Berkman had swung back the door and at the same time drew a 38-caliber revolver. Mr. Frick, who had been examining some papers, suddenly looked up. The assailant did not utter a sound but pulled the trigger and the ball struck Mr. Frick in the muscles of the left side of the neck and passing around found lodgement under his ear. Mr. Frick, uttering an exclamation, sprang to his feet and rushed to the big circular window in the front. He was then within about five feet of him. Mr. Leishman jumped at the assassin, but before he could reach him he had fired another ball into the back of Mr. Frick's neck. It passed down and out under his side below his armpit. This was done while Mr. Frick was vainly endeavoring to open the circular window which looks down on Fifth avenue.

ONE BALL THAT DID NO DAMAGE.

At this instant Leishman threw himself on Berkman and wrestled with him for possession of the revolver. Mr. Leishman clutched the barrel and turned the muzzle upward as the cartridge exploded, the ball entering the plaster near the rear glass partition.

At this the assailant, finding his weapon useless, was ready for any deed, and quickly drawing a dagger, raised it to strike the vice chairman, who held him by the shoulder and body. Though bleeding profusely Mr. Frick saw the gleam of the steel. The moment before he had staggered, yet, gathering his strength, he jumped between the two men and grasped Berkman's uplifted arm.

Berkman freed himself from Mr. Leishman's grasp, and plunged a dagger into Mr. Frick's right side, just below the hip bone, making an ugly wound about three inches long. Before he could be stopped he raised the dagger again and plunged it once more into the chairman's side, but the point struck a rib, glancing down, inflicting an ugly wound. Twice again he used the dagger, but Mr. Frick was only slightly scratched by these last mad attempts to assassinate him.

HIS LIFE SAVED BY HIS VICTIM.

This struggle had all taken place before the window and in full view of those across the street. Deputy Sheriff May had rushed up from the street, and two office boys and Mr. Utley had rushed in from the other offices. They threw themselves upon Berkman, who was still held by Messrs. Frick and Leishman. The deputy had his revolver drawn and was holding it at the back of Berkman's head. He was about to shoot when Mr. Frick called out: "Don't kill him. We have got him all right. Leave him to the law." They released the prisoner and Berkman broke away and tried to rush down stairs only to fall into the hands of officers Crossman and McRoberts. The officers hurried the anarchist off through the crowd to the Central station.

IT WAS A MARVELOUS ESCAPE.

For an hour before his removal no one was permitted to see Mr. Frick except the doctors. At 5 o'clock Dr. Litchfield came into the outer office and exhibited the bullet he had extracted to the Carnegie officials. He said he did not anticipate much trouble from the cuts, although they would be painful and cause some trouble. All fear that the spine had been touched was at an end and he felt confident Mr. Frick would recover, although he was a seriously injured man, who had had a marvelous escape from instant death. He then issued the following bulletin to the public regarding Mr. Frick's injuries.

"Two shots entered neck about the base of skull, one on either side. One passed out between his shoulders and the other was removed from opposite side of neck. The third shot missed. There is no evidence that the stab wounds are deep or that they will prove dangerous. They are on right side; one at lower border of ribs, the other just below the hip bone. Have no evidence that any of these wounds will prove serious. His condition at present is perfectly satisfactory."

About 7 o'clock Mr. Frick was gently carried to the street, where an ambulance was waiting. He was quickly taken to Union station and from there to his home at Homestead. At the door of the office Assistant Superintendent of Police Silvis said: "You take care of yourself at home and we will look after things down here."

At this Mr. Frick smiled and cheerfully replied: "All right, Dan, I can trust you."

A LYNCHING WAS THREATENED.

When the would-be assassin was brought down the elevator to the street the crowd pressed from all sides to catch a glimpse of him, and some yelled "Kill him, lynch him." "Hang him to the lamp post." Others were inclined to protect him, but it did not need much agitation to have started a general fight in the crowd. As the man got into the patrol wagon and sat down with the officers one little newsboy shouted: "You're on your way to the gallows," and the whole crowd took it up.

Those who caught a glimpse of the young fellow's face declared at once that he looked like a crank or a fanatic. County Controller Grier, from a hasty glance, declared that the assassin was irresponsible. This is how Berkman's appearance impressed the crowd.

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DENOUNCED THE ASSASSIN.

President Weihe and the Amalgamated Association Are Much Affected.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 24.—When the news that Mr. Frick had been shot and seriously injured reached the headquarters of the Union Mill worker yesterday afternoon, the men were loud in their denunciations of the assassin. Thomas Warren, one of the Press Committee, said: "There is not a mill worker or laborer in this entire section that does not deeply deplore the shooting of Mr. Frick. During the present trouble at times many people, including disinterested parties, have said when heated with passion that it would be a good thing if Chairman Frick was dead, but I am willing to wager not one of those parties meant what they said, and I do not believe there is one man among the old workmen but that would take a hand in meting out dire punishment to the assassin. Our fight against Mr. Frick is a fair one and we have only employed fair means. We never courted for an instant any violence against the officials of the company."

President Weihe, of the Amalgamated Association, was much affected over the news. He said: "It was with the utmost regret that I heard of the shooting of Mr. Frick, and I emphatically denounced the actions of the assailant. He was an assassin at heart and an enemy not only to the country, but to organized labor all over the United States. I hope the greatest punishment the law allows will be the reward of the dastardly and cowardly assassin of Mr. Frick."

BUT ONE IDLE MILL.

Five of the Six Mills of the Illinois Steel Company Going—Satisfied Workmen. CHICAGO, ILLS., July 23.—While the trouble between the iron and steel masters in this vicinity and the Amalgamated Association remains unsettled, quite a large number of western and southern manufacturers are waiving all claims for an immediate adjustment and have signed the new scale. In nearly every instance the signers make an agreement that in the future any concessions are made by the Amalgamated Association they are to receive the same benefit as other manufacturers.

Outside of the thirty-seven sheet mills that are now working under the new western scale of prices, forty-four firms who puddled iron have signed. Great advantage is secured by the manufacturers who have already agreed to pay Amalgamated wages, for while the business of the local iron men remains at a standstill, the signers are allowed to operate their mills and fill the demands of their customers.

Prominent above all of the manufacturers whose mills are now running is the Illinois Steel Company. The firm made contracts through the association as to wages and minor conditions to govern the employees' work for one, two or three years.

The South Chicago Steel and Rail Mills, where 4,500 men are now employed, were not affected by the recent trouble. They were running at the time and the wage contract does not expire until next year. At the Joliet Steel and Rail Mills, where 2,000 men are employed, the contract terminates on December 31 next. The agreement at this mill would not have terminated even then, but according to a prearrangement the firm or the men could give six months' notice prior to the beginning of a new year that they desired an opportunity to readjust present conditions. The firm gave such a notice, but they state that it may not be necessary to make any changes.

The Joliet roll mills, employing 300 men, which shut down on July 1, resumed operations Wednesday, July 20. New machinery was put in and repairs made. To show that the best of feeling prevails between the company and their employees at this plant on the question of wages, it might be stated that the men voluntarily reduced the wages on one class of labor 33 per cent. The Bay View mills at Milwaukee, employing 1,500 men, which closed down on July 1 because the wage contract had expired and the men desired two weeks' rest, resumed yesterday. These works were built in 1868 and 1874, and a rail mill was added in 1884. The mill contains eight quadruple puddling furnaces, 25 shearing furnaces, eight train of rolls and one hammer. The product is light rails, merchants' bar iron and steel and fish plates, with an annual capacity of 120,000 net tons.

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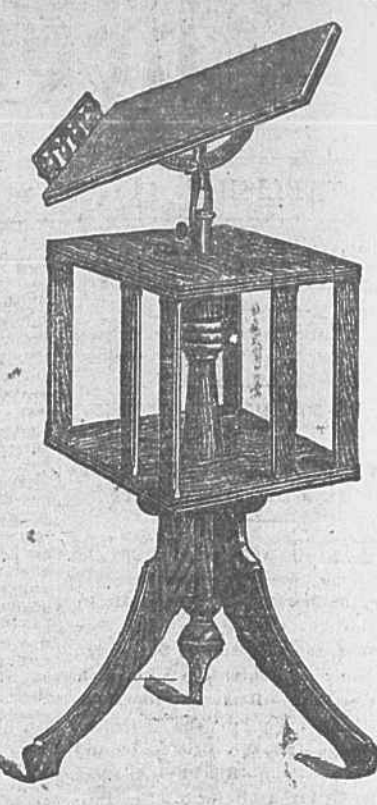
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